

**COL ERIC P. HENDERSON**  
**Commander, 1<sup>ST</sup> SPACE BRIGADE**  
**USASMDC/ARSTRAT**

COL Eric P. Henderson assumed command of the 1st Space Brigade, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command (USASMDC/ARSTRAT) on June 29, 2010.

COL Henderson is a native of the Black Hills in South Dakota, and is a 1986 graduate of the University of South Dakota. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery through the Reserve Officers Training Corps. COL Henderson has served in a variety of staff and command positions including numerous fire support positions; aide-de-camp; battery, battalion, and brigade fire direction officer; and both battalion and brigade S4. In 1991, he served as the Joint Task Force Fire Support and Operations Officer for Operation Provide Comfort in Zakho, Iraq. Additionally, he commanded B Battery, 1-27 Field Artillery Battalion (MLRS), and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Fifth Corps Artillery.

His last field artillery assignment was as the battalion executive officer, 1-356<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion (TSB), Fort Carson, Colo.

COL Henderson was assessed and selected as one of the first 12 Space Operations Officers (Functional Area 40) in 1999. His Space Operations assignments include Spatial Orbital Analyst, and U.S. Space Command Space Operations division chief, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, Colo.; III Corps Army Space Support team leader; commander, Army Space Support Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Space Battalion, Army Space Command (ARSPACE), Colorado Springs, Colo.; liaison to the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Army Space Support team leader, Tikrit, Iraq; G3, Current Operation Division chief, USASMDC/ARSTRAT; and 1<sup>st</sup> Space Brigade executive officer, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Immediately before his most recent assignment as the Space Support Element Division chief, U.S. Army Central Command, Fort McPherson, Ga./Camp Arifjahn, Kuwait, COL Henderson served as the Training and Certification Division chief and the Current Operations Division chief for the J31 (Ballistic Missile Defense Division), U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Colonel Henderson's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with five Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, the Senior Space Operators Badge, and Army Parachutist Wings.



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